

In the Specification:

On page 2, kindly rewrite the first full paragraph beginning at line 3 as follows:

a' For example, currently an icecap harvester intends to use tankers having 150,000 ton capacity to transport fresh water. Obviously, this involves, not only the cost involved in using such a transport vehicle, but the added expense of its return trip, unloaded, to pick up fresh cargo. Flexible container vessels, when emptied can be collapsed and stored on, for example, the tugboat that pulled it to the unloading point, reducing the expense in this regard.

In the Drawings

Kindly substitute the enclosed Figure 7, with proposed changes in red, for the Figure 7 previously filed.

In the Claims

Kindly rewrite claims 8 and 44 as follows:

8. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim 7 which includes at a plurality of said circumferential stiffening beams.